

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2, 3, 6-19, 25-34 and 43-144.

Entry of Amendment

As explained below, this amendment is merely placing the claims in an allowable form. Therefore, no further consideration and/or search is necessary. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered at this time.

Applicant will now address each of the Examiner's remaining rejections in the order in which they appear in the Final Rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 4, 5, 20, 22, 24 and 35-42 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dawson et al. (US 6,229,506). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, independent Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended to recite "wherein a gate electrode of the electric discharge TFT is electrically connected to a gate electrode of the EL driving TFT" (Claim 1) and "wherein a gate electrode of each of the plurality of electric discharge TFTs are electrically connected to a gate electrode of each of the plurality of EL driving TFTs" (Claims 4 and 5).

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner stated that this feature (which is in allowed Claim 139) distinguishes over the cited prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 4 and 5, and those claims dependent thereon, are patentable over the cited references, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner also rejects Claims 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dawson in view of Sedra and Smith. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

As each of these claims are dependent claims, it is respectfully submitted that they are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.


Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee should be due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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